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Title: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE, SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD  
FOR OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE, AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE UNIT

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Background of the Invention
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 8]5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages : 6]  
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- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
- 11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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- 13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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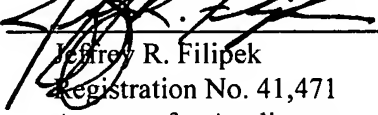
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